

From: Mason, Steve
To: [Goodfellow, Bob](#)
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Can you take a shot at these...

From: Diane B. Sheridan [mailto:dbsheridan@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2013 4:06 PM
To: Mason, Steve
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Steve,

If you got a truncated message from me last week, please forgive me. I started to write it, changed my mind, and hope I did not send it.

This message is from Diane Sheridan, facilitator for community advisory panels to industry, including 6 in the Houston Ship Channel area. Our paths have not crossed for many years, but I am hoping you will be able to help me.

Since the West Fertilizer explosion, I have heard from several CAP members who want to know more about how plants plan for and prevent worst case disasters. Deer Park Community Advisory Council wants to talk about that topic at their August 26 meeting. As a result, I have several questions. I tried looking on the EPA website, but I did not find quite what I needed when I looked up risk management plans. A lot of the info was several years old. So I am hoping to tap your expertise.

IS THIS PRESENTATION ACCURATE?

The last time I had a CAP talk about RMP was in La Porte CAC in 2008. At that time, we were still doing an annual risk management plan report along with the emissions report we do each September. I have attached the presentation that the group asked me to give about RMP basics. I am trying to determine if it is still accurate because I think all but the last slide would be suitable for presentation to Deer Park CAC in August to provide general info about risk management program. **Is there any chance you can take a look at it and tell what needs updating?**

PUBLIC ACCESS TO RMPs

What I need to know is whether RMPs are public information in whole or in part.

I know that a new law in August 1999 restricted the sharing of RMPs with the public. As I understand it, plants could not present theirs to a group now like we did in June 1999 with EHCMA plants. **Is that so?** An individual who wanted to read them would have to go to the reading room at the Dept. of Justice in Houston, by appointment, and could read up to 10 per month. **Is that correct?** I've read some info on the EPA website but still am not sure I understand it.

Are there additional laws or regulations since 9-11 that restrict public access to RMP info? If so, what do they restrict?

Could a plant share an RMP with DPCAC members today? All of it? Part of it? If so, which parts?

You may find it easier to call me about this request--or recommend that I talk to someone else. Whatever you can do to help will be appreciated.

Diane

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